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Small Business And Industry Leaders Receive Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Contracting at National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo

WASHINGTON – Small business owners, federal agencies and several private sector organizations from across the nation have received recognition for superior achievement in government contracting during this week's ceremonies marking the U.S. Small Business Administration's 50th anniversary.

The accomplishments of the award recipients include: developing space-age robot technology to explore the solar system and the earth's ozone layer; production, refurbishment and dismantling of nuclear weapons, and preservation of the historic Underground Railroad.

These businesses and organizations were among those recognized for their commitment to providing contracting and subcontracting opportunities to small, women-owned businesses and small disadvantaged businesses.

"As we celebrate the SBA's 50th anniversary, we are honoring this year's award recipients for their continued efforts to meet the government's contracting goals and their superior achievement in the federal marketplace," said Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

The conference featured several events and ceremonies focused on federal contractors, *the Prime Contractor of the Year* and *the Subcontractor of the Year*, and a procurement matchmaking event, which matches small businesses with government agencies and larger businesses for potential contracting opportunities.

The SBA awarded a number of honors in the area of federal contracting. Those awards included the:

- *Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence*, recognizing large prime contractors that have excelled in their utilization of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. The recipients are: **Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc., of Dallas, TX** (Manufacturing Category); **Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., of Vienna, VA** (Construction Category); **Jet Propulsion Lab, of Pasadena, CA** (Research & Development Category); and **BWXT Y-12, LLC, of Oak Ridge, TN** (Services Category).
- *Gold Star Award*, recognizing the exemplary performance of federal personnel who carry out the aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure a role for small business in the federal marketplace. The recipients are: **The State Department's Office of Small &**

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Disadvantaged Business Utilization Staff of Washington, D.C. and Ms. Colleen Burns, Director of Contracting for the Fort Bliss Army Air Defense Center of Fort Bliss, TX.

- *Frances Perkins Vanguard Award*, honoring government and industry for excellence in the use of women-owned small businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors. The recipients are: **Ms. A. Jo Baylor, Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for the Department of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C., Mr. Kevin Boshears, Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for the Department of Homeland Security of Washington, D.C., Mr. Sam W. Box, President of Tetra Tech FW, Inc., of San Diego, CA., Ms. Theresa A. Carson, C.P.M., of Sandia National Laboratory of Albuquerque, NM.**
- *Small Business Prime Contractor and Small Business Subcontractor of the Year*, honoring small businesses that have provided the government and industry with outstanding goods and services either as prime contractors or as subcontractors. The recipients are: **Ms. Jane Nowell, President of Barlovento LLC, of Dothan, AL (Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award recipient) and Ms. Sharon Clements, President of Clements General Construction, Inc., of Covington, WA (Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award recipient).**

A list of all award winners from this year's National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo can be found at SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/50.

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